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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Ulrich Riegel et al.

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For: Swellable Hydrogel-Forming Polymers  
Having a Low Fraction of Fines

Examiner: Liam J. Heincer

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

The undersigned, having power of attorney from the assignee, BASF AG, has executed this document on behalf of petitioner, BASF AG. Petitioner is a German corporation, Ludwigshafen, Germany, and is the owner of 100% interest in the instant application, as shown by the assignment recorded February 20, 2007, at Reel 18926, Frame 728. Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §154 to §156 and §173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of copending application Serial No. 10/589,727 filed August 17, 2006. Petitioner is the owner of 100% interest in application Serial No. 10/589,727 as shown by the assignment recorded on September 18, 2007 at Reel 19861, Frame 0039. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the application Serial No. 10/589,727 are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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